

## Priority: Healthy Child Growth & Development: Early Childhood

Mission: Increase community & family knowledge regarding safe, healthy & nurturing environments during the child's critical early childhood years: prenatal through age five.

Goal 1 : Increase community & family knowledge about safe home environments

- *Brainstorming on possible objectives:*
- *Safe sleeping*
- *SUIDS*
- *Prevention of child maltreatment.*
- *Environmental hazards/dangers*
  - *Tobacco smoke*
  - *Lead*
  - *Fire Prevention*
  - *Emergency preparedness*
  - *Parental substance abuse*
  - *Parental mental health issues*
  - *Household hazards/childproofing (poison control, hazmat)*
  - *Car seats*

Goal 2: Increase community & family knowledge regarding parenting behaviors and family environment factors that promote the optimal, comprehensive infant and child health and development.

- *Brainstorming on possible objectives:*
  - *Nutrition: prenatal, breastfeeding, infant & child (health)*
  - *Early Prenatal Care; preconception, prenatal, what to expect, self care (health)*

- *Prevention of child maltreatment (parenting/family environment?)*
- *Family DV/SA/MH (parenting/family environment?)*
- *Choosing affordable/appropriate child care*
- *Parent as First Teacher*
- *Infant & Child Development*
  - *Ages & Stages/Milestones/Appropriate Expectations*
  - *Early Brain Development(health/parenting/family environment)*
  - *Bonding & Attachment (parenting/family environment?)*
  - *Active Lifestyles/importance of physical activity (health/parenting/family environment)*
  - *Language & Literacy Development (parenting/family environment)*
  - *Well Child & Immunizations*

Goal 3: Increase family & community knowledge about the various health and developmental factors that promote school readiness.

- *Brainstorming on possible objectives:*
  - *CFF Report p 76*
  - *Language & Literacy Development*
  - *Parental Literacy (parenting/family environment?)*
  - *Early Intervention*
  - *Food Security*
  - *English Language Acquisition*
  - *Cultural Assimilation*

- *Supporting/promoting infant/child development/stimulation/scaffolding*
- *Health/Health Care Access*
  - *Well child care*
  - *Immunizations*
  - *Nutrition (prenatal & child)*
  - *Prenatal Care*